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TAGS: PHUM, PGOV, CH
SUBJECT: GUANGZHOU'S MOST FAMOUS DISSIDENT ESCAPES CHINA

REF: (A) GUANGZHOU 7196 (B) GUANGZHOU 6128
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1. CLASSIFIED BY HOWARD KRAWITZ, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
OFFICER. REASON: 1.5(B) X6.

2. (C) AS WIDELY REPORTED IN THE HONG KONG PRESS,
GUANGZHOU DISSIDENT WANG XIZHE ESCAPED TO HONG KONG
SOMETIME LAST WEEK. WANG, A PERSISTENT CRITIC OF THE
GOVERNMENT SINCE 1974, AND BEIJING DISSIDENT LIU XIAOBO
HAD RECENTLY CO-AUTHORED AN ARTICLE SHARPLY CRITICAL OF
PRC POLICIES. THE FOUR-PART ARTICLE, CONCEIVED AND
LARGELY DRAFTED WHEN LIU MET WITH WANG IN GUANGZHOU THIS
PAST SUMMER, ATTACKED PRC POLICY TOWARD TAIWAN, ADVOCATED
TIBETAN AUTONOMY, SCORNED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NATIONAL
PEOPLE'S CONGRESS SYSTEM, AND CRITICIZED THE PRC'S SOFT
POLICY ON THE DIAOYU ISLANDS. IN ANOTHER JAB, WANG AND
LIU OFFICIALLY RELEASED THE ARTICLE ON THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA'S OCTOBER 10 ANNIVERSARY. //COMMENT. NO PART OF
THE ARTICLE WOULD HAVE ENDEARED WANG AND LIU TO
AUTHORITIES, BUT THE SWIPE OVER THE DIAOYU ISLANDS
PROBABLY HIT A PARTICULAR NERVE. END COMMENT.//

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4. (C) WANG WAS GUANGZHOU'S ONLY "NAME" DISSIDENT AND THE CENTRAL FIGURE OF THE VERY SMALL GROUP OF STUDENTS AND INTELLECTUALS HERE OPENLY CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY. HIS DEPARTURE LEAVES LITTLE VOCAL CONSTITUENCY FOR THESE ISSUES IN SOUTH CHINA. EVEN WANG'S ESCAPE HIGHLIGHTED GUANGDONG'S OPEN MEDIA, HOWEVER. A HONG KONG NEWS CREW WAS ABLE TO FILM WANG'S WIFE, SU JIANG, IN GUANGZHOU DESCRIBING HER CONCERN FOR WANG. THESE REMARKS AND OTHER NEWS OF WANG'S ESCAPE WERE UNCENSORED ON LOCAL BROADCASTS OF THE HONG KONG NEWS.

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